to detefrnnre the criteria for appointment of auditors and for strengthening the Concurrent Audit System.

चुनावों संबंधी आदर्श आचार संहिता को वैधानिक स्वीकृति

413. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार चुनावों संबंधी आदर्श आचार संहिता को वैधानिक स्वीकृति देने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकांत डी० खलप): (क) से (ग) राजनैतिक दलों और अभ्यर्थियों के मार्गदर्शन के लिए आदर्श आचार संहिता के भाग 7 में अंतर्विष्ट उपबंधों को कानूनी समर्थन दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, किन्तु इस विषय में अभी कोई विनिश्चय नहीं किया गया है।

Bids to purchase medium capacity long range aircraft by Air India

414. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether bids to purchase medium capacity long range aircraft by Air India to augment its fleet has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when they would be finalised to compete with other International Airways?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The aircraft under consideration are A-340-300 manufactured by Airbus Industries, B-777 by Boeing Airplane Company and MD-11 by Mc-Donnel Douglas Corporation. The proposal is at present under consideration of a Subcommittee of the Board of Air India. It is not possible to indicate any timeframe within which final decision is likely to be taken.

Steps to end strike in Safdarjung Hospital

415. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the month long indefinite strike by the Safdarjung Karamcharis/ Staff has severely iffected the services in the hospital;

(b) whether cleanliness in the hospital has been the biggest casualty of the agitation when more than 321 persons have already died due to Dengue in the capital;

(c) what are the chances of ending strike even after imposition of the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) by Government; and

(d) the present status of the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQ-BAL SHERVANI): (a) The hospital services were effected to some extent.

(b) Cleanliness in the hospital was satisfactory except in certain areas and necessary steps had been taken to keep the hospital premises clean and tidy.

(c) and (d) Strike has been called off w.e.f. 15.11.1996.

Rise of Tuberculosis in Gujarat

416. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB cases are on the rise in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that District TB programme is being implemented in many districts of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to control TB in the State of Gujarat?